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## COMMUNITY RADIO IDEAS GET AIRING

THE first steps in getting Dover's community radio station off the ground have taken place at a launch meeting.

Dover Community Radio aims to promote the town and help community groups and individuals reach a wider audience.

Representatives from the town's arts community and local authorities, web designers, radio buffs and businesses were at The White Horse pub in the town to submit their ideas.

They will be raising funds during the summer so the station can be on air for a limited period during the high-profile Christmas Extravaganza

■ BY IAN READ AND NICK AMES

and lights switch-on in November. Organisers want Dover's schools and colleges to get involved as well.

DCR will begin with a strong focus on podcasts, offering interviews and features based on Dover.

Funding and premises will then be sought to set up an internet-based community radio station promoting the town to residents and visitors.

It will have programming different to that already available locally as well as offering training schemes.

DCR also aims to work with local arts groups, history societies and

drama organisations. Music and entertainment of all genres, including specialist music programmes, will be included on the station and streamed on the website.

Eventually, DCR aims to broadcast once a year on FM or MW across the town, covering events such as the Dover Regatta.

It is hoped that this will lead to a five-year community radio licence to cover Dover using FM or MW.

Interested sponsors or advertisers can email [info@dovercommunityradio.co.uk](mailto:info@dovercommunityradio.co.uk) or visit the station's website or Facebook page.

The next meeting of the group is at The White Horse on Monday, June 21.



## FORCEFUL VOICE

Kent classical singer Rebecca Robinson is to headline a charitable evening of music in Whitfield to raise money for Help For Heroes.

Members of the Band Of The Brigade Of Gurkhas, Rat Pack swing-singer Steve Hawkins and a Canterbury Cathedral chorister will also feature.

Organiser Martin Dadd gained Rebecca's support following her soprano performances at the recent Gurkha Festival Of Music and said he was hoping to raise a sizeable sum for the Armed Forces charity.

Rebecca recently released her third studio album, *The Unreachable Star*, which was influenced by the plight of British Forces overseas and features recordings of *Requiem For A Soldier* and *I Vow To Thee My Country*.

Tickets for the evening are £12 at the Dover Harbour Board's Sports and Social Club in Whitfield and include a basket meal. They are available from the club on 01304 829216, or directly from Martin Dadd on 01304 366337.

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# Off-road riders fall foul of law and have their bikes seized

■ BY NICK AMES

THREE teenagers have had their off-road bikes seized in an operation by police to target nuisance riders.

Operation Freedown brought together the Kent Police off-road motorcycle team and neighbourhood officers PC Ian Belsey and PC Karen Robson to Ewell Minnis and River areas of Dover.

It followed complaints from residents about off-road motorcycles being used near their homes, causing noise nuisance and a danger to pedestrians.

The youths, aged 16 and 17, had their bikes seized for riding across a public footpath without insurance.

Police officers and PCSOs have the power to issue Section 59 warnings to riders committing offences, which means if they are caught doing the same again, they can have their bikes confiscated.

Operation Freedown was set up in 2002 and is used in response to complaints about nuisance bikers riding without regard for legitimate bridleway- and footpath-users. It will be run repeatedly over the next few months.

All mini-bikes are classed as motor vehicles under the Road Traffic Act 1988 and cannot be used on a highway or other place to which the public have access, including pavements and parks.

To use a mini-moto on the road, the rider will require a valid driving licence and a compulsory basic training certificate, insurance, road



**SAFETY DRIVE:** Three teenagers in the Dover area had their bikes seized by police

tax, a registration plate, an MOT certificate if the bike is more than three years old, an approved exhaust system and a motorcycle helmet.

Sgt Guy Thompson, of the community safety unit, said: "Off-road bikes cause a real nuisance to residents due to the noise and the potential danger to pedestrians and vehicles.

"We will be targeting nuisance and illegal riding during the summer, so if it is a problem where you live, contact your neighbourhood officer and give them the details."

The Dover neighbourhood policing team can be contacted on 01304 218110.

## Brocante's browsers brave the chill wind

BARGAIN-hunters braved cold winds, rain and hailstones to look for treasures at Walmer's annual brocante on Walmer Green. The antiques, collectables and crafts fair, organised by Walmer Parish Council, featured more than 130 stalls offering a huge range of vintage items and local crafts.

**TIMELESS:** Tony Hart memorabilia was valued

Experts Tony Pratt and Michael Roberts from Canterbury Auction Galleries valued more than 35 items for visitors, including a 1923 Wembley Stadium programme, a set of brewery pumps, a Moorcroft vase, a 1950s teddy and signed drawings by TV artist Tony Hart. The valuation sessions raised funds for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

Organiser Christine Orridge said: "Despite the dismal weather we had a continuous stream of people visiting the stalls."



## Dutch sprint delight

A DUKE of York's Royal Military School teacher spent a day partying with the Dutch before his speedy performance on two wheels won him a bike worth more than £800.

Edward Hobson was among the 70,000 who packed Trafalgar Square on Saturday to celebrate The Netherlands' national day at the Holland House party. And with cycling a Dutch favourite, one of the events was a 750-metre cycle sprint, on rollers.

Winner Mr Hobson said: "It's certainly going to make getting around Dover a lot more stylish. I never realised I was that fit."

## A traffic sandwich

SPEEDING traffic in Sandwich High Street has come under scrutiny at a meeting of the town council.

Councillors concluded that motorists need to be encouraged to observe the 20mph limit and more use could be made of a speed gun.

Another suggestion was putting up signs at roads leading into the town stating that pedestrians have right of way in the streets.

The matter is to be discussed further when councillors meet police.

# Rowers are targeting Channel crossing

AN all-female team is preparing to row the Channel in aid of charity.

The team, from Dover and Deal, is aiming to raise £2,000 for the National Autistic Society by rowing to France.

Rachel Whittaker is one of five rowers who have been training for the challenge.

"The preparation requires months of training. Rowing can be extremely painful and after a while it can damage the skin on your hands," she said.

This will be the second time the team has attempted the crossing.

In October last year, conditions were too rough and the effort was abandoned. The team is now aiming to complete the crossing this month.

"It will hopefully be between May 22 and 26, depending on conditions," Ms Whittaker said. "This will not be a race to beat previous records,



**OAR-SOME BUNCH:** The female rowers will make their Channel charity attempt this month

although we've set a personal target of completing the crossing in less than five hours."

Money raised will go towards improving facilities in the family entertainment rooms at the Dover branch. We have had to overcome a few problems. One member of the

team lives in Cambridge and getting together to train isn't always easy," Ms Whittaker said.

"We're confident we have done enough to allow us to complete the crossing successfully," she added.

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# Green transport to get boost from new route

■ BY NICK AMES

DOVER is coming on to the list of UK towns creating a better network of routes for pedestrians and cyclists by joining forces with sustainable transport charity Sustrans in a £900,000 project.

The move is part of a UK-wide initiative funded by the Big Lottery Fund to improve local networks so that more everyday local journeys can be made by foot or by bike.

The group says that in Dover, while millions of people pass through the busy port every day, few of them head for the local town centre, and likewise many local people are cut off from the sea by the volume of port traffic and a busy local one-way road system.

## Commitment

They claim the scheme will open up the River Dour for pedestrians and cyclists with a high-quality urban promenade, which would not only be a good local route but also become a popular spine for travel within the town.

Simon Pratt, Sustrans regional director, said: "I am delighted that



**SLOW THE PACE:** Heavy port traffic and a busy one-way road system mean that many local people are cut off from Dover's seafront

Dover has been accepted on to the Connect2 programme and look forward to seeing the start of construction work in the next few months.

"This route will be a real asset for the town and will encourage more people to walk and cycle."

The River Dour Route is part of the wider regeneration programme for the town being coordinated by the Dover Pride Regen-

eration Partnership. Design and the building of the route is being done by Kent Highway Services.

Sustrans and the county council have signed an agreement that secures £450,000 Lottery money from Sustrans for the project.

This will then be match-funded by the county council.

This paperwork cements the commitment to the project with a view to site clearance and ecologi-

cal mitigation starting straight away and with construction following in the summer.

Kevin Lynes, the chairman of Dover Pride, said: "The River Dour running through Dover has a special place in the town's affections."

"This walking and cycling project offers local people and visitors an exciting opportunity to discover even more of the river's attractions."



**HANDS ON:** David Jenkinson and PC Phil Wright

## Lavish praise for police response

A BUSINESSMAN has praised the efforts of Kent Police after receiving what he called a first-class service.

David Jenkinson is the managing director of Jenkins and Pain, an accident-and-repair centre on the White Cliffs Business Park at Whitfield.

He phoned police after criminal damage was caused to his firm's former premises at Minters Yard industrial estate in Deal.

Initially, Mr Jenkinson said he wasn't going to report it but had to do so for insurance purposes.

However, when he did contact the police he said the response was "prompt and reassuring".

Mr Jenkinson said: "After making the report, almost straight away PC Phil Wright visited the site and spoke to the neighbouring business."

"PC Wright then took the trouble to call me and assured me there was every need to report all incidents."

"I can only commend the efficiency, support, sympathy and professionalism of the whole reporting system and in particular PC Wright."

Mr Jenkinson thanked PC Wright when he visited the company's new site on the White Cliffs Business Park.

PC Wright said: "It is important that the business community and residents report incidents to us so that we know what is going on."

## Views sought on A256 work

ACTION is being taken to make the A256 Dover-Sandwich road safer after two crashes at separate junctions that resulted in deaths.

Kent Highway Services has closed two gaps in the central reservation to prevent coastbound drivers making right-hand turns at the Kennel Hill and Tilmanstone junctions.

The closure has been introduced for a six-month trial in response to a recommendation by north-east Kent coroner Rebecca Cobb, who expressed concerns about the danger of right-hand turns following a fatal crash two years ago.

## Decision

Residents and councillors are being asked what they think of the new road layout. Their comments will be reported to Dover Joint Transportation Board after the trial for a decision about whether the change should stay.

Comments may be sent in writing to Kent Highway Services, Transport and Development, Ashford Highway Depot, Javelin Way, Henwood Industrial Estate, Ashford TN24 8AD.

Nick Chard, of Kent County Council, said: "Having visited these locations, I could see that something needed to be done. The coroner highlighted this in her report and we have responded."

## Game-player going's solo with own store

COMPUTER-gaming fan Eric Bowden had worked in a store in Dover town centre selling his favourite product for six years.

But when Games closed, he decided to fill the gap in the market and opened his own store.

Now second-hand-and-new store G8 Games in the Charlton Centre is proving a hit – and Mr Bowden is proud of his part in helping to keep the shutters away from yet another Dover shop front.

"There are plenty of shops closing down, but I felt confident enough to open one up," he said.

"It had to be better than just being unemployed."

The store boasts life-sized cut-outs of a Dalek and Star Wars' Darth Vader, which have attracted younger science-fiction fans.

Mr Bowden said: "I wanted to stay in Dover and stick this economic downturn out – while making a success of my business. I wanted to do my bit to try to make the town prosper."

"It's been going well so far. Each day is ticking over."

"People can trade games or just buy them and fans have somewhere to go and see what the latest stuff available on the market is."



**WE WILL WELCOME:** Eric Bowden with the Dalek cut-out that greets his store customers



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# High-roller who made his name in classy cars had a top-flight role

■ BY STEVE KNIGHT

A SERIES of events is planned to mark the 100th anniversary of the first non-stop return flight across the English Channel.

The feat was accomplished by Charles Rolls – one of the founders of the Rolls-Royce company – who learned to fly on the Isle of Sheppey and had connections with Dover.

Events to mark the anniversary on Sunday, June 6, include a display of up to 100 vintage and new Rolls-Royce cars on Dover seafront, as well as an exhibition at the town's museum.

A statue of Rolls on Dover seafront is now being refurbished and will also be rededicated on the day. Dover District Council leader Paul Watkins said: "This is a prestigious opportunity to showcase the area."

"We are delighted to be able to host these events to mark the centenary of Rolls's historic flight and to celebrate the many connections between Dover and the iconic Rolls-Royce company."

London-born Charles Rolls made more than 170 hot-air balloon ascents before becoming a founding member of the Sheppey-based Royal Aero Club in 1903.

He became the first man to complete a dou-

ble crossing of the Channel on June 2, 1910, but tragically died just three years later when the tail of his Wright Flyer broke off during a display over Bournemouth.

But his name lived on in Kent when business partner Henry Royce decided to move his team of engineers to St Margaret's between 1913 and 1917.

Rolls's only surviving car – an original 8hp Panhard Levassor – will go on display in Dover as part of the centenary celebrations, courtesy of Norfolk Museum.

Dover Town Council is also marking the occasion on Saturday, June 5, with a fireworks display, Continental market and vintage-car show.

Town mayor Sue Jones said: "Dover can yet again enjoy the benefits of a free event thanks to its strategic position as the place aviation pioneers chose to exhibit their bravery."

You can visit [www.rollsroyceanniversary.com](http://www.rollsroyceanniversary.com) for more information.

Meanwhile, the Muswell Manor aviation centenary committee is holding a separate event at Leysdown on Saturday, July 24.

The main attraction of the day will be a flying display featuring the Turbulent team and Stampe formation team from Headcorn, a wing-walker, the Headcorn

Parachute Club, the Spirit of Kent Spitfire and a Vampire jet.

A marching parade will herald the start of the show, while visitors will also be able to see birds of prey or take a hot-air balloon trip.



PIONEERS: Charles Rolls in his Rolls-Royce with Wright brothers Orville and Wilbur (and chauffeur) on the Isle of Sheppey



FLYING MACHINE: Charles Rolls at Shell beach, where the Royal Aero Club was founded in 1903



FORMER GLORY: Restoration work is under way on the Dover seafront statue of aviation pioneer Charles Rolls

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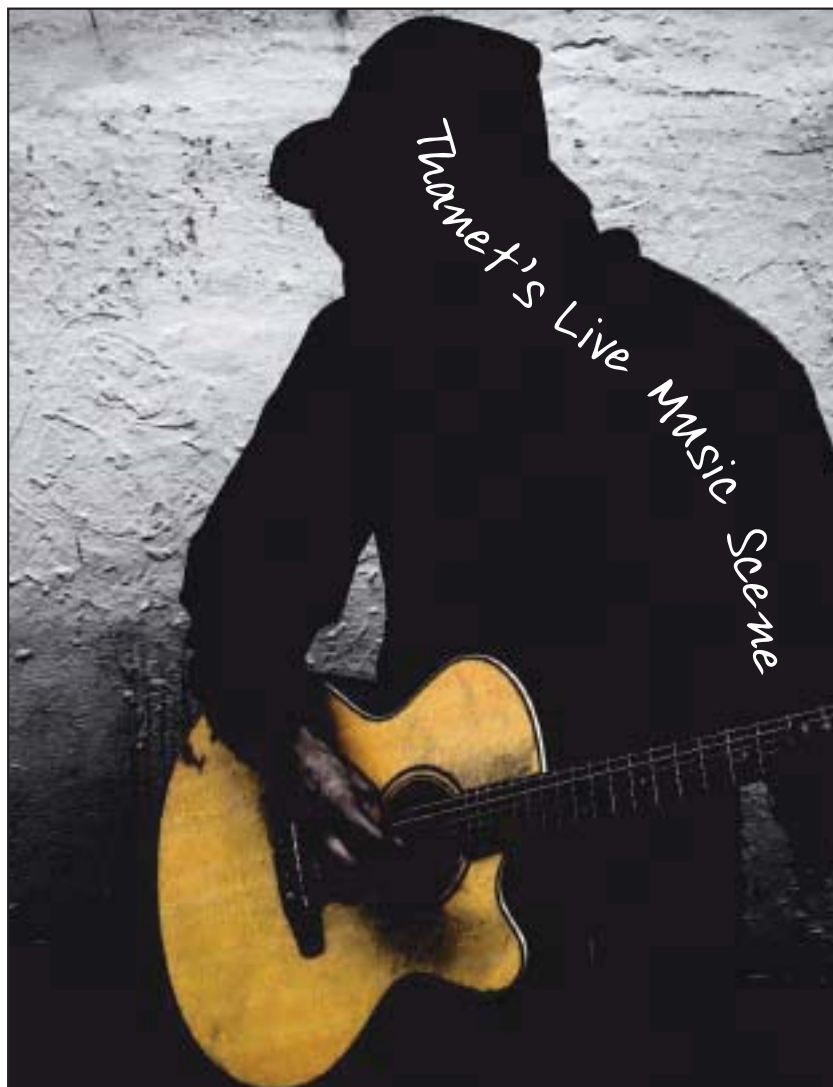
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**DELIGHTED:** White Cliffs Hotel owner Gavin Oakley

## Food guide serves up treat for hotel

THE Bay Restaurant at The White Cliffs Hotel in St Margaret's has been nominated for The Good Food Guide's Restaurant Of The Year award.

The accolade recognises excellence and good service at restaurants, pubs and cafés throughout the UK and is awarded to independently-owned eateries that use local produce and offer regional dishes and top-quality customer service.

The winning restaurant will be voted for by members of the public across 10 regions in the UK.

The Bay Restaurant at The White Cliffs Hotel is vying for the South East regional award.

Regional winners will be invited to an awards ceremony in London when The Good Food Guide team will select its overall Restaurant Of The Year for the whole of the UK.

The Good Food Guide is produced annually by Which? and regarded as one of Britain's leading independent food guides.

Gavin Oakley, chef and owner of The Bay Restaurant, said: "We're delighted to have been nominated. Winning a Which? award is one of the most prestigious accolades a restaurant can receive."

# A decade on from horrific dock find

TEN years ago this June, Customs officers inspecting a lorry at Dover's Eastern Docks made the most gruesome discovery of their careers.

For instead of finding just boxes of tomatoes in the sealed container they were searching, they discovered the lifeless bodies of 58 Chinese illegal immigrants who had perished on the five-hour trip from Zeebrugge to Dover.

The victims had suffocated, with just two survivors alive to tell the harrowing tale of how they desperately tried to claw out of the airtight lorry on that fateful day of June 18, 2000.

Less than a year later, in April 2001, Dutch lorry-driver Perry Wacker was found guilty at Maidstone Crown Court of 58 charges of manslaughter and four counts of conspiracy.

It was found that he had closed the only air-vent in the lorry to prevent the immigrants being discovered.

■ BY NICK AMES

Wacker was sentenced to 14 years and his co-accused, Ying Guo, from Essex, was jailed for six years for conspiring to bring illegal immigrants into Britain.

Judge Alan Moses said the sentences could not truly reflect the tragedy of so many deaths.

The disturbing incident has since been used as an example to highlight the criminal gangs who make money out of people-smuggling.

To mark the 10th anniversary, Kent Police's Medway area commander, Chief Superintendent Steve Corbishley, is visiting Foshan in China to meet his counterparts who worked on the case with the Kent force.

He was part of the massive police investigation that resulted in the conviction of Wacker.

Working closely with Chinese colleagues in the UK and in China, he also helped identify



**MEMORIAL:** Plaque remembers the 58 Chinese illegal immigrants found dead in a lorry at the Port of Dover

those who had lost their lives and returned the bodies home to their families.

Chief Supt Corbishley said: "While I'm in China I have the opportunity to meet Chinese colleagues who worked with me 10 years ago in a very traumatic investigation for everyone involved."

"I hope my visit will help build a strong relationship between the two locations, allowing the development of new business, educational and cultural exchange opportunities."

"While I'm proud to represent Medway, there will be a feeling of sadness as I reflect on the investigation in Dover and those that lost their lives in such tragic circumstances 10 years ago."

Hi-tech X-ray machines and fibro-scope cameras are now used at Dover's Eastern Docks for detecting contraband.

The kit can also seek out illegal immigrants hiding in vehicles.

Similar technology, costing £15 million, is to be used in a pilot scheme in Calais to boost searches of vehicles and goods heading for Britain.

## Audrey's send-off out of this world

A WOMAN'S dying wish that her ashes be blasted into space has been carried out.

Audrey Bates, from Dover, who died in March last year aged 75, became fascinated with the US moon landings of the late 1960s and early 1970s.

Her remains were launched from Spaceport America, New Mexico.

Her husband, Geoff, 81, paid £466 for the memorial space-flight organised by American space burial company Celestis.

Some of Mrs Bates's ashes were launched with those of others from the US, China and Taiwan.

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## QUESTION & ANSWER

### KERRY KING



**Q** Tell us something about yourself

**A** I am married and live in Hythe. I'm employed by BKRW Solicitors in Folkestone, who are criminal-defence specialists. I represent clients at the police station who have been arrested for criminal offences. The offences range from less serious matters such as public-order offences to murder allegations. It's not a job, it's a way of life.

I was a freelance photographer in the 70s, working for local and national papers. Later in life, I trained in criminal law, obtaining the police station and prison law accreditation. I was also a member of ILEX for many years.

I'm very lucky as I work with a very professional team of people with the flexibility to pursue my passion for wildlife.

**Q** How did you first become involved with Sandling Park?

**A** Jane Hardy from Sandling Park contacted me after seeing my pictures on ITV Meridian and commissioned me to photograph her garden. It was clear from the outset that she and I shared a passion for wildlife.

When I first met Jane, she was recovering from a road accident and the days we spent filming in the park lifted her spirits. Jane's mother Mrs Hardy is a wonderful person – she has always made me feel at home. Sadly, I never met Mr Hardy, who passed away in 1999.

**Q** What is the history of the gardens?

**A** The park was bought by Jane's great-grandfather, the Rt Honorable Lawrence Hardy MP in 1897. The original 26-bedroom mansion was built by the famous Italian architect Joseph Bonomi. Sadly, it was destroyed by enemy action in 1942.

Lawrence Hardy recognised that the acidic soil would allow rhododendrons and azaleas to flourish and today the 25-acre woodland gardens are a sight to be admired.

In 1987 the park lost many mature trees in the great storm, but in the true Hardy spirit they fought back and the gardens were reopened to the public in 2002.

**Q** Why do you think it is so important to keep the gardens open to the public?

**A** It is important we preserve our heritage. Owning a large country estate can be a burden in today's economic climate. However, the Hardy family has tried to open the gardens to the public in May each year. Generations of the Hardy family have devoted their lives to the garden and woodlands. Today Jane vows to keep the family tradition alive.

**Q** What first inspired you to film and produce the DVD?

**A** About three years ago, I decided to make the DVD and set about filming the garden in different seasons. This year's snow was the

icing on the cake. I am indebted to Jane and her family for allowing me to meander around the garden and film at my leisure. They even allowed BBC South East on to the estate so I could report on the plight of butterflies.

**Q** How much does the DVD cost and where can you buy it?

**A** The DVD can be bought at Sandling Park during the open days in May, or on the website [www.bkvpport.co.uk](http://www.bkvpport.co.uk) for £10. It will be available in certain shops later this year.

**Q** What do you like to do in your spare time outside of work or the gardens?

**A** My wife and I share the same interests and enjoy walking or biking around the area. Hythe is such a lovely place to live.

**Q** Tell us something not many people know about you

**A** I have a Jekyll and Hyde life. My biggest achievement in law was to successfully defend the First Officer on the P&O Ferry Pride of Bilbao in Winchester Crown Court in 2007.

The majority of the weather pictures that are used on either GMTV or ITV national weather have been taken by me during the last six years. I've appeared on the Weather Show with Carol Kirkwood as their in-house photographer, on BBC South East, ITV Meridian and Five News – I'm never bored!

**Q & A**

The criminal-defence consultant and wildlife fan, who has just produced a DVD about the Sandling Park gardens, speaks to **James Alexandre** about his project, the Hardy family and the plight of butterflies

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## Martha Trust pools its funding efforts

MARTHA Trust is launching a fund-raising campaign to rebuild its hydrotherapy pool in Deal.

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The £220,000 target has been given a £10,000 kick-start by Pfizer and the aim is to raise the rest by October.

To support the campaign, contact Julie Gayler, fund-raising and communications manager at Martha Trust. Visit [www.marthatrust.org.uk](http://www.marthatrust.org.uk) for details.

## Channel the Spirit

CROSS-Channel operator P&O Ferries has announced that it will be naming its two new ships Spirit of Britain and Spirit of France when they come into service in 2011.

At 213 metres and 49,000 tonnes, the giant ferries will be the largest ever to operate between Dover and Calais, each having a capacity of 180 lorries, 200 cars and 1,750 passengers.

They are being built in Finland at a cost of more than £330 million.

Dame Kelly Holmes has agreed to become 'godmother' to the first of the ships when it enters service in January.

# Here comes the Futurescape

**BLUE-SKY THINKING:** Stodmarsh National Nature Reserve near Canterbury is an important site, but the RSPB is calling for a new approach to conservation across the broader countryside

A RADICAL new approach to nature conservation is being launched by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds.

Reaching out beyond its traditional reserves, the society hopes to restore scarce species in swathes of the wider countryside.

Dubbed Futurescapes, the programme will see the RSPB working in partnership with others to create landscapes in which people and nature can coexist.

Society spokesman Paul Outhwaite said: "The RSPB has been actively involved in managing nature reserves in the South East.

"But the countryside is increasingly unfriendly to wildlife because of decades of habitat loss, which has robbed many species of food and shelter.

"Landowners, Government agencies and

■ BY NICK AMES

conservationists working together have started to turn things around and in the South East we are in a strong position to begin this revolutionary new approach to conservation.

"The area is rich in wildlife but also faces many pressures, not least from development and the threat of climate change.

"Over the coming years we are looking forward to working with our many partners in the region to secure a safe future for wildlife.

"But we need to move beyond the nature reserve and create really big areas of land, whole landscapes, where wildlife has space to move and thrive, providing more flexibility to adapt, especially in the face of the uncertainties that climate change will bring."

In another big announcement, the society has named its new chief executive, who has a Kentish background.

Dr Mike Clarke, the charity's director of operations, will take over from Sir Graham Wynne, who is stepping down after 23 years.

He said: "My informal career with the RSPB started as a member of the Young Ornithologists' Club in Maidstone.

"The RSPB is in great shape to tackle the challenges the natural world faces. And let's not be under any illusion, they are huge.

"The twin challenges of biodiversity loss and climate change must be met by robust and urgent action around the world, yet this ecological crisis coincides with the one of the biggest economic crises the world has seen."

Dr Clarke said: "We have a great record of success - our reserves make a real difference for an amazing array of wildlife."

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# Stimson goes as Scally cuts Gills jobs after latest defeat

A WHIRLWIND week at Gillingham FC has led to an uncertain future for players and supporters of Kent's only Football League club.

Chairman Paul Scally moved quickly following the Gills' second relegation in three seasons on Saturday, May 8, announcing first the departure of manager Mark Stimson and then the surprising release of all 14 out-of-contract players.

The Dubai-based businessman told the BBC he was angered by the manner of the team's 3-0 defeat at Wycombe, which sealed the club's fate in front of more than 2,300 away fans.

He said: "The performance was alarming for me and I troubled about it all over the weekend. I don't remember feeling as low as I feel at the moment, because I feel I've failed."

"I appointed the manager and I stuck by

■ BY STEVE KNIGHT

him. I gave him the funds he needed at every instance, I worked him a decent budget and I think we've got a very good squad of players."

Former Grays and Stevenage boss Mr Stimson was appointed Gills manager in November 2007 but was unable to halt the club's slide into League Two.

His new-look team bounced straight back with promotion via the play-offs in May 2009 but failed to win a single away game in a disappointing return to the third flight.

## Resignation

Supporters verbally abused Mr Stimson and called for him to resign following the disastrous defeat at Wycombe, but the 42-year-old refused to budge until Mr Scally forced his hand two days later.



**SHAKE-UP:** Gillingham FC chairman Paul Scally, left, and the favourite to take over as manager, Andy Hessenthaler

"I'm contracted, but that will be up to the chairman," Stimson told KOS Media after the game.

"He'll make that decision and I'm sure he'll be honest with me. You can see that the supporters weren't too happy at the end and there were shouts of my name."

"That's a discussion myself and the chairman will have, and I'm sure he will make the right decision that he thinks will take the club forward."

The day after Stimson left the club by "mutual consent", it was announced that all 14 out-of-contract players had been released and were free to seek employment elsewhere.

These included captain Barry Fuller and popular veterans Simon Royce and Mark Bentley.

However, it was noted that the next manager would reassess the situation when he was appointed.

Early favourite for the job is former player-manager Andy Hessenthaler, who recently just missed out on a third successive promotion with his new club Dover Athletic.

Mr Hessenthaler told KOS Media early this week that he had received no contact from Mr Scally but that he would like to return to full-time management.

"I've never hidden my desire to return to Football League management," he said. "But I am on contract at Dover and have a job to do to win the Conference South next season."

Another candidate had been thought to be first-team coach Mark Robson, but he was released from his role at the club last week.

## Paedophile gets a foreign-travel ban

A NOTORIOUS sex offender has been banned from visiting an entire continent.

The foreign-travel order prevents paedophile Frederick Stephens from going to Asia, where it is believed he intended to 'buy a wife'.

He had been part of the Wonderland Club that was smashed in 1998.

Stephens was among 107 men arrested for 'trading' photos of children over the internet.

He was jailed in 2001 for child sex offences.

This new order prevents the 55-year-old from going anywhere in the Far East for three years, thanks to the efforts of worried detectives.

The Margate father-of-two is also forbidden from entering Turkey.

It follows a civil action at Canterbury Magistrates Court. The case will not be reviewed again until at least May 2013.

Officers lodged the application after Stephens went to the Philippines last year without informing police, breaking a stipulation of his sentence for the distribution of indecent images of children in 2001.

A judge jailed him for 14 months in October for the breach.

He was brought to Canterbury from Wandsworth prison for the hearing on Tuesday last week.

A police source said: "He had to inform the police of his plans, and he didn't. That means he is back behind bars."



**BAN:** Stephens

# Former MPs support David Miliband in leadership bid

DAVID Miliband has won the backing of former Kent MPs in his quest to succeed Gordon Brown as leader of the Labour Party.

The ex-Foreign Secretary was the first to throw his hat in the ring following Mr Brown's resignation on Tuesday last week, and the decision has been welcomed by fellow party members in Kent.

Should the 44-year-old win the leadership contest, he will have until 2015 to rebuild the Labour Party and mount a serious election challenge – unless the new Con-Lib coalition falls before then.

Other possible contenders include Mr Miliband's younger brother and former Energy Secretary Ed Miliband, ex-Education Secretary Ed Balls and outgoing Chancellor Alistair Darling.

Gwyn Prosser, who lost his Dover seat to the Conservatives, gave his backing to the elder sibling while simultaneously slating Mr Balls.

He said: "David has shown himself to be a highly effective performer. He has good leadership skills and has done a great job as Foreign Secretary, but most of all he is able to articulate some of the most complex issues. That's essential these days."

"On the other hand, Ed Balls has some unfortunate characteristics. I was not at all happy

with the way he stigmatised some of the very talented schools in Kent [as part of the National Challenge programme] and in my own constituency."

Before his election to Parliament in 2001, David Miliband had served as Tony Blair's head of policy and was credited for playing a major part in the Labour Party's landslide victory of 1997.

He served in various ministerial posts for the first several years of his tenure until being appointed Environment Secretary in 2006, and then Foreign Secretary a year later.

"I think David is dynamic and is an intellectual heavyweight who would have a broad appeal," said former Chatham and Aylesford MP Jonathan Shaw.

"He would be more than a match for the new Prime Minister and his deputy."

Despite refusing to reveal his pick for the leadership, former Gillingham and Rainham MP Paul Clark said both the Milibands could do a good job.

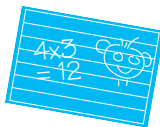
He said: "There's a wide range of talent out there and they both have their strengths."

"Both are equally very capable and possess a great number of positive assets."

"All the potential leaders would no doubt bring different things to the party, but the critical thing is that we have a leader who is energetic and who has a vision of how we should go forward."



**CONTENDER:** David Miliband is putting himself forward



## BREAK TIME



### Academy pupils impress visitors

SENIOR members of Kent County Council have paid a visit to the Marsh Academy to find out more about the changes and developments there.

Sarah Hohler, cabinet member for children, families and education, and her deputy Garry Cooke toured the New Romney school, which opened in 2007, and spoke with principal Tracey Luke.

They discussed issues ranging from the benefits of being an academy to exam results and spent half-an-hour with students.

Cllr Hohler said: "They all impressed with their confidence, good manners, friendliness and, yes, sense of humour!"

"We were so impressed by their enthusiasm and ambition. We wish them all the best."

The Marsh Academy, in Station Road, specialises in business and enterprise and is sponsored by Microsoft, Kent County Council and Tonbridge School.

It aims to provide young people with the skills, knowledge and understanding to equip them as young adults in the 21st century.

It also intends to provide them with opportunities to build their confidence and entrepreneurial spirit to achieve what they want in future.

# College heralds anniversary with open days for students

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

SCHOOL-LEAVERS and adults are invited to find out what University College Folkestone has to offer as it celebrates its third anniversary this autumn.

Since its opening in 2007, many have taken advantage of UCF's flexible approach towards BA (Honours) degrees, foundation degrees or even just short courses.

Amanda Becket, 40, from Seabrook, is one of a number of mature students who have gone back into higher education right on her doorstep in Folkestone's Creative Quarter.

She said: "It couldn't be more perfect. It's so close to home and the environment and building is so vibrant."

"I was working in education and considered going back to university to study for a higher-learning teaching-assistant qualification. When that didn't work out, my husband suggested I take a look at what was on offer at UCF."

"Initially, I just went to have a look around the building, but I was so surprised and impressed with what I saw that I picked up a prospectus. I then changed my mind completely about what I wanted to do with my future and I enrolled for a full-time degree in performing arts."

"It is a bit of a change to go from education to performing arts at the age of 40, but sometimes you have to go for it and do something that is purely to enrich your life."

"And I can't say that it hasn't been a chal-



FEEL THE VIBE: University College Folkestone in the town's Creative Quarter is a 'vibrant' environment for learning

lenge. I have three part-time jobs and two teenage kids, but this is about my personal enrichment. It's made me feel revitalised."

"I don't believe in thinking that once you have left school, that's it – you can't learn any more. That limits you. It's all to do with your state of mind and anyone can benefit from what is on offer at UCF."

The university in Mill Bay is now organising a series of open days for would-be adult learners to come and find out more.

Chris Price, campus director of UCF, said: "The adult learners' open day is a great infor-

mal opportunity for any adults thinking of getting back into higher education.

"You can meet our staff, talk to the tutors about the courses and programmes we offer and find out about finance and student support."

UCF currently offers courses in subjects ranging from creative writing, early-years education, visual arts and design and performing arts.

The next open day is from 10am to 2pm on Saturday, June 19. To find out more, go to [www.ucf.ac.uk](http://www.ucf.ac.uk) or phone free on 0800 804 8500.

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## YOUR LETTERS

### Save us all from all becoming French

Imbecilic euro rats want to rename the English Channel the 'Anglo-French Pond'.

I watched the so-called 'great' debate between the three political parties and not once did I hear any questions regarding the way we are treated by Brussels.

As far as I can tell, not one of our big three parties really care about England. British taxpayers' money is being used literally to wipe our nation off the map, erase a thousand years of history and downgrade the English Channel to the insulting status of a 'pond' that we find in our back gardens.

Labour has already given away our rights to rule.

Every time Brussels ordered us to do something, Gordon Brown and his cronies jumped to it.

I am sick of the EU. When we were first told about joining, it was supposed to be for trade... Great Britain is no more.

Our fathers fought hard to keep it from the Nazis, and that ignorant Brown just gave it away.

He said he loved England – how could he? He's from Scotland and the Scots have always hated us!

The most famous channel in the world is going to be demoted to a mere pond – all with the help of Labour.

If the Tories and LibDems don't now get us out of the EU, we may as well all learn French because our English language will probably be banned by Brussels, too.

The European Economic Community established the Single Market in 1973. Why is it, then, that our food and every other commodity is far more expensive here than in France?

We pay the EU more than £40 million per day – why and for what?

Wake up, you silent majority, before England is just another department of France.

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### Election that waved goodbye to the BNP

So the BNP's Harry Williams has a whinge after his party was comprehensively trounced at the general election, barring a few extra protest votes.

In their target seats they and their "vile politics", as Labour's Margaret Hodge put it, were rumbled and so lost many of their local councillors – all in Barking – and got nowhere in the Parliamentary seats.

As Winston Churchill might have put it, 'Never were so few so easily rebuked'.

He would also have seen right through leader Nick Griffin and volubly denounced him, especially for hijacking his image on the party's electioneering material.

As for the "indigenous" line, it was the "English" who swamped the

## your blogger

Gareth Arnold would like to keep a low profile, but unfortunately facebook seems to have other ideas



FACEBOOK, with its friendly, blue lower-case f and cretinous, boggle-eyed farm animals, is hiding a dark secret.

Or rather, it's not. In fact, it's not hiding much at all and therein lies the problem.

Just in case you don't already know, the uproar over the big f's privacy settings has finally, and publicly, exploded. This culminated in an emergency meeting at the American social network's headquarters last week to discuss why everyone had stopped playing Mafia Wars and turned the guns on them.

You see, if you've never explored the brain-bleedingly complex privacy controls (50 different settings and 170 options), then the vast majority of your facebook interaction is available to the entire interweb. Not just your friends, not just your network, not even just facebook users. The. Whole. Internet.

That drunken wall-post in which you compared your boss with North Korean dictator Kim Jong-il. That picture of you vomiting on a friend's car wearing a blonde wig and a tutu. There for all to see, unless of course you've bothered to tell facebook otherwise.

It wasn't always this way. When facebook launched in 2005, only a fraction of this information could be seen by default, and none of it by the entire internet. But things change, especially when information is worth money to third parties interested in accurately targeted marketing campaigns.

There will be some who are unbothered by this. I'm

sure there are people who've never had a compromising photo taken and are happy everything they post can be seen. But they're missing the point.

Currently, facebook's privacy settings are opt-in. If you don't change them yourself, no one is going to do it for you. Surely, private should be the default setting?

Meanwhile, some smug commentators are scaling new levels of supercilious self-satisfaction by claiming it's your fault if you share that sort of information and don't check privacy settings. Noob! LoL!

This sort of thing isn't helpful and fails to note the huge variety of people using facebook.

Its bright, easy-to-navigate system is not targeted at tech heads. It is purposely enticing everyday users who just want to stay in touch, and the interface implies a default level of privacy that does not exist.

Of course, the easiest way to avoid all this is not to join in the first place, or, failing that, delete your account. This is where things get a bit freaky. Without Googling the increasingly popular 'how do I delete my facebook account?', just try to commit social-network seppuku.

Deactivation is straightforward but does nothing to protect your privacy or terminate your account. All your info is still there. To escape facebook's clutches entirely, the system is long (two weeks!), frustrating and purposely complex. Facebook is desperate to be your special friend forever... get out while you can.

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### Answer the ultimate question of creation

I would like to comment on two letters in last week's issue.

I agree in part with Ian Macmillan but totally disagree with Phil Granger, who asks the Bishop of Dover, the Rt Rev Trevor Willmott, to put his faith in God!

I would just like to ask both, as well as all others who believe in God, this one question: If God made man, who made God?

Any sane thinking person knows that everything has a beginning and an end.

So, again I ask: who made God?

Please don't respond with the same old clichéd answers.

John R O'Neon  
Folkestone

### Rambling about for bargain price of a £1

To celebrate its 75th anniversary, and for one day only, Britain's walking charity, Ramblers, will be giving away membership at unmissable prices.

As part of national Get Walking Day on Saturday (May 22), new walkers who take part in one of the fun, free short walks will be offered a £1 membership that will give them access to 28,000 walks per year, discretionary discounts and subscription to the award-winning

Walk magazine.

The Kent walk, organised by Canterbury Ramblers, will start at 10am at the University of Kent visitors' car park in Giles Lane, Canterbury.

Entitled Canterbury's Ancient Woodlands, it will be a four-mile leisurely walk through fields and woods, mainly along footpaths and involving some stiles.

The offer is available to people who join one of the named Get Walking Day strolls. The offer is restricted to the first 30 joiners.

Everyone and anyone is encouraged and welcome on Get Walking Day – no matter what their age, stage or walking ability.

If you can't join in with a Get Walking Day walk, but you need some help getting started, then visit our website

[www.getwalking.org.uk](http://www.getwalking.org.uk).

Julia Bradbury  
Ramblers president

### LibDem supporters should join Greens

Kent Green Party has examined the statements explaining what the new coalition Government will do.

Our immediate conclusion is that unemployment will rise significantly as a result of the proposed policies of this coalition.

The new coalition is committed to immediate cuts in public spending of £6 billion, with worse to follow. This will, without question, lead to

a rise in unemployment nationally and here in Kent and Medway.

This coalition is planning a second recession.

Sectors such as local government, the civil service and the university sector are already shedding lots of jobs despite obvious staff shortages.

This could be avoided: we could tax the wealthiest fifth of households more and increase taxes on large corporations, while closing tax loopholes and bringing in a tax on currency transactions.

We can also cut the bloated defence budget by bringing our forces home from Afghanistan in line with public opinion.

The coalition also begins life without a promise of a fair electoral system. Once again, despite clear public support, the new Government is to maintain one of the very few undemocratic electoral systems in the world.

We can only imagine how many Liberal Democrat members and supporters feel: they voted LibDem and got a Conservative government with mainly Conservative policies.

Green Party leader Caroline Lucas has already issued a national media release encouraging disillusioned LibDems to join the Green Party.

Kent Green Party invites LibDems in Kent and Medway to examine Green Party policies and join us.

Dr Hazel Dawe  
Kent Green Party chairwoman

### Forgotten cost of cancer diagnosis

Money worries should be the last thing on your mind following a cancer diagnosis, but in fact patients tell Macmillan Cancer Support that they're second only to pain in causing them stress and anxiety.

Macmillan knows that unfortunately the bills don't stop just because you are ill and so provides benefits-advisers in local communities and calls for a better financial deal for people affected by cancer.

But sometimes more immediate relief is called for and that's why the charity gave out more than £203,989 to 632 people in Kent last year, specifically to help those who were struggling to pay their bills after a cancer diagnosis.

Our grants can make a real difference to someone with cancer in desperate need, but they cannot be a permanent solution.

That's where our local Macmillan benefits-advisers and phone-line can help. In 2009, Macmillan gave out almost £9 million in grants to more than 27,000 people nationally.

Most people who claim for grants need money for fuel bills, followed closely by a need for new clothes.

Help with the cost of getting to hospital and parking is the third biggest issue, but the charity also gives money for household items.

If you or a family member have been diagnosed with cancer and you're struggling financially, phone Macmillan free on 0808 808 0000 or visit [macmillan.org.uk](http://macmillan.org.uk) for financial information and support.

Richard Shaw  
Macmillan

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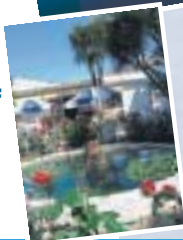
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## DAY & NIGHT

### Auditions for musical

AMATEUR actors aged from 15 to 75 are invited to audition for a new musical, Friday Night Forever.

The show will be performed at the Tower Theatre, Folkestone in September in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. Auditions are at 10am and 2pm on Saturday. Call Simon on 07772 100798 or email nebularsounds@hotmail.co.uk.

### Show tribute to actor

A CLASSIC Alan Bennett play will be staged in memory of actor and director, Peter Goldsmith.

Habeas Corpus is performed by Charing Guild of Players and Lenham Players at the Church Barn, Charing at 7.20pm on Friday and Saturday in aid of Cancer Research UK. Tickets are £7 from Wood You Like in School Road and by calling 01233 713725.

### Dyslexia explained

FIND out more about dyslexia when Peter Smith of Wildwood gives a talk on Tuesday.

Wild about Dyslexia: The Struggle to Free an Untamed Mind starts at 8.30pm at The Spires Academy in Westere, Sturry. A £2 donation would be appreciated. For details call Dyslexia East Kent Support on 0845 003 8979.

### Pianist plays classics

LOCAL pianist David Ruddock will give a recital of classical works for the Sarah Thorne Theatre Club on Sunday.

The concert, with music by Chopin, Schumann, Debussy, Liszt, Gillock and Beethoven, is at the Memorial Theatre, Broadstairs at 3pm and tickets are £9 or £32 for families of four. Call 0845 262 6263 or email info@sarahthorne-theatreclub.co.uk.

### Army to invade club

ORANGE Street Music Club in Canterbury welcomes two members of New Model Army this week.

Founder and songwriter Justin Sullivan is joined by the band's guitarist-keyboardist for a semi-acoustic performance of New Model Army material at 8pm on Thursday. Tickets are £10 in advance or £12 on the door. To book call 01227 760801.

### By royal appointment

RUSSIAN vocal ensemble Lyra will perform at Christchurch Church in Ashford.

The ensemble from St Petersburg has toured widely and was invited to perform in London by Prince Charles.

The concert starts at 7.30pm on Thursday and tickets cost £5/£4 for adults, free for under 14s. Call 01233 620600 or email franthony@sky.com.

### Stand up for a laugh

ASPIRING comedians can step into the spotlight at Tom Thumb Theatre's open mic comedy night.

The small venue in Margate is holding the event on Saturday and tickets are £5 from The Joke Shop in Arlington Square, Margate. For details call 07904 554101 or email stevebradshawprents@yahoo.com.

# Little ships head back to beaches

## OPERATION DYNAMO 70TH ANNIVERSARY

Tuesday, May 25, to Thursday, May 27  
Ramsgate Royal Harbour

SEVENTY years ago, Ramsgate played an important part in one of the most extraordinary operations of World War II.

Over a period of nine days in May 1940, 338,000 British and Allied troops were rescued from the beaches and port of Dunkirk in France. The Admiralty commandeered 800 civilian boats as part of Operation Dynamo and these boats became known as the Little Ships. Next week, the remaining 50 Little Ships will return to Dunkirk to commemorate the dramatic evacuation.

To mark the 70th anniversary of Operation Dynamo and the contribution made by the community, Ramsgate will be the focus for a series of events. The commemorations start on the evening of Tuesday, May 25 with a talk by David Welch, professor of modern history at the University of Kent. He will be giving a talk called The Story of Operation Dynamo – The Evacuation from Dunkirk – at the Oak Hotel.

On Wednesday, May 26, there will be a range of events taking place as part of Dynamo Day, organised by Ramsgate Heritage Partnership. A service for the Little Ships will be held at Sailors Church with veterans' standards at noon, followed by the parade.

At 1pm a lunch will take place at the Oak Hotel with a special guest of honour – Celia Sandys, granddaughter of Sir Winston Churchill and author of Chasing Churchill. There will also be a tribute to Dame Vera Lynn, performed by Kas.

The Lord Lieutenant of Kent, Allan Willett, will inspect the Little Ships at the Royal Harbour at 2.30pm and Reverend Tom Heffer, secretary general of The Mission to Seafarers, will bless the boats. The Mayor's reception will be held at Custom House at 5pm, followed by a skippers briefing at 6.30pm.

Step back in time for a 1940s-themed night of fun at the Belgian Bar and Cafe, with Tony LeSurf and Four's A Crowd from 7pm. The day will finish with a bang as the spectacular firework display gets underway at 10pm.

Early the next morning, the 50 original Little Ships will set off for Dunkirk, escorted by HMS Monmouth, the RNLI and the Maritime Volunteer Service. As they make their way across the busiest shipping lane in the world, thoughts of the dramatic and courageous evacuation will be at the forefront of everyone's minds.

A number of events will be taking place at Dunkirk over the weekend, including a memorial service on the beach on Saturday, May 29, and the Little Ships will return on bank holiday Monday (May 31).

The Association of Dunkirk Little Ships has been returning to Dunkirk every five years

Ramsgate commemorates its role in Operation Dynamo, 70 years after the dramatic rescue that saved more than 300,000 lives in Dunkirk

Picture: THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL



since 1965, when broadcaster Raymond Baxter – who had recently bought a Little Ship – decided to start the event on the suggestion of his young son. The only exception was 1970, when bad weather caused the event to be cancelled.

Operation Dynamo was set in motion on May 26, 1940, when the War Office sent a secret cipher telegram to the Admiralty stating that an emergency evacuation of troops from the French coast was required immediately. Although British and Allied Forces were fighting hard to stop the German advance through Europe, Hitler's troops had forced

them to retreat and cornered the Allied Forces in a small area around Dunkirk.

Hundreds of privately-owned pleasure craft were pressed into service, being taken to Sheerness to be fuelled, then marshalled at Ramsgate where Naval officers, ratings and experienced volunteers were put on board.

From Ramsgate, they set out to undertake the daring rescue and more than 300,000 lives were saved as a result. Today, the phrase 'Dunkirk spirit' is still used to express courage and determination in the face of adversity.

To find out more about Dunkirk Little Ships visit [www.adls.org.uk](http://www.adls.org.uk).







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## POSTMAN PAT - A VERY ROYAL MISSION

Sunday, May 23, Winter Gardens, Margate

A CHILDREN'S favourite arrives in Thanet with a very special delivery this weekend.

Postman Pat has been delighting young audiences around the world for nearly 30 years and this week he will be bringing his little red van to Margate. Along with his trusty sidekick, Jess the cat, and his fellow residents of Pencaster, Pat will star in a fun show that will enchant all the family.

Everyone in Pencaster has received a special letter from the Palace, announcing an imminent royal visit to the village. The VIP is coming to open the

brand new SDS sorting office, so the village and its residents must look fantastic.

But when a storm rages through the visit, it looks like the much-anticipated royal visit might be in jeopardy. As Head of the SDS, Postman Pat springs into action and attempts to save the day with the help of Jess and his new SDS helicopter.

The show starts at 2pm and tickets cost £11.50 for adults, £9.50 for children and £38 for families of four. Call the box office on 01843 292795/296111 or visit [www.margatewintergardens.co.uk](http://www.margatewintergardens.co.uk).



## SUMMER SERENADE

Wednesday, May 26, Granville Theatre, Ramsgate

REVISIT shows from the past as the Granville Theatre hosts Summer Serenade.

The evening will be a celebration of music and song from much-loved musical theatre, performed by the Thanet Light Orchestra.

Vocals will be provided by singers Derry and Alice Martin during this concert of popular light classics. They have both recently landed leading roles with Ramsgate, Canterbury and Herne Bay Operatic Societies.

Founded in 1946, the orchestra is made up of professional and amateur musicians and they play a wide variety of classical and light music.

Originally known as the Broadstairs Philharmonic Orchestra, it changed its name to the Thanet Philharmonic Orchestra before becoming the Thanet Light Orchestra in 1981.

George Martin has been the conductor since 1969 and more than 40 years on, the orchestra is still thriving under his leadership.

The proceeds of the concert will be donated to the Granville Theatre, towards the cost of running and restoring the building.

The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £8/£7. To book call the box office on 01843 591750. For more information visit [www.granvilletheatre.com](http://www.granvilletheatre.com).

## LUCY PORTER IN FOOL'S GOLD

Saturday, May 22, Gulbenkian Theatre, Canterbury



ENJOY an evening of 24-carat comedy as Lucy Porter reveals her thoughts on the glory of gold.

In her latest stand-up show, Fool's Gold, the charming comedian explores man's obsession with the precious metal and how the current financial climate has elevated its worth. Since the recession, gold has become more highly prized than ever, but why are we so captivated by the shiny, metallic substance?

The show promises to feature live alchemy, a tribute to Mr T and a very valuable 'gold thing'.

With her usual witty and enchanting approach, Porter gets big laughs out of unlikely topics. Combining a sharp sense of humour with the chummy persona of a gossip friend, Porter is a perennially popular comic and her show won great reviews at last year's Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

She has made appearances on Never Mind the Buzzcocks, Have I Got News For You and Mock the Week and won Celebrity Mastermind last year.

The show, suitable for over-16s, starts at 7.45pm and tickets cost £15/£13. To book call 01227 769075 or visit [www.thegulbenkian.co.uk](http://www.thegulbenkian.co.uk).



## BOB KENWARD AT FAVERSHAM FOLK CLUB



Wednesday, May 26, The Chimney Boy, Faversham

KENT music hero Bob Kenward has been entertaining folk fans for 30 years with his popular songs.

Next week, Faversham Folk Club welcomes the local musician to perform the songs that have earned him such a strong reputation over the decades. Renowned for his ability to chronicle life in Kent, both old and new, Kenward is one of the county's finest singer-songwriters.

His songs include Man of Kent, Sweet Pippin, King Hop, Doctor Syn and Romney Tower, which have become a staple part of the local repertoire and proved inspirational for other singers. Attracted by the strong choruses and appealing lyrics, many other artists have performed and recorded Kenward's songs.

Capturing the unusual elements of life, Kenward creates something memorable with his songs. He is also a talented musician, accompanying his singing on guitar, mandolin and harmonica. His set ranges from love songs to social commentary.

The concert starts at 8.30pm and tickets cost £5 for members of £6 for non-members. For more information call 01795 536857.



## JIM DAVIDSON: IF I RULED THE WORLD

Friday, May 28, Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone



CONTROVERSIAL comedian Jim Davidson outlines what life would be like under King James in his latest show.

If I Ruled the World is his most outrageous show yet, featuring stories of loose women, the UK's involvement in recent wars and tales from the troops. In this highly entertaining adult show, he reveals how he would run the planet if he was granted overall supremacy.

The London-born comic began his show business career at the age of 12 and won the TV talent show New Faces, after an unsuccessful audition for Opportunity Knocks. After several series of his own TV show, he starred in the sitcoms Up the Elephant and Round the Castle and Home James.

Davidson proved himself to be an engaging family presenter, hosting the game shows Big Break and The Generation Game. But he continues to be a highly popular, if often controversial, adult comedian and is renowned for his blue material.

The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £21.

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## Blondie join stars at the Hop Farm



**JOINING LINE-UP:** The timeless Blondie will be on the Hop Farm Festival's main stage

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

NEW-wave pop-rockers Blondie have been added to the Hop Farm Festival's bulging bill of all-time musical greats.

The timeless Debbie Harry-fronted outfit – famed for hits such as Sunday Girl, Heart Of Glass, Atomic and Hanging On The Telephone – will perform on the first day of the Paddock Wood weekender, taking to the stage before headliner Van Morrison.

Los Lobos, Imelda May and Damien Dempsey have also been added to that night's main-stage line-up.

The following day will see Bob Dylan, former Kinks frontman Ray Davies and Libertines singer-songwriter Pete Doherty grace the same stage.

They will be joined by Mumford & Sons, Seasick Steve, Laura Marling, The Magic Numbers, Foy Vance and Johnny Flynn.

Hop Farm bosses have also named a host of second-stage performers.

These include Afro Celt Sound System, Richard Thompson, Peter Green & Friends and Sweet Billy Pilgrim (all Friday) and Devendra Banhart, Jim Jones Revue, Tunng, Medway blues guitarist Pete Molinari and Jon Allen (all Saturday).

Festival-founder Vince Power said the latest additions had already gone down well with Kent's music-lovers.

"It's fantastic that we continue to see such a positive response from Hop Farm Festival fans," he said. "With the latest additions to the bill plus second stage and a third to be announced soon, there will be something for everyone."

The Hop Farm Festival will be held in Paddock Wood on Friday Saturday, July 2-3.

It boasts three stages, a five-a-side celebrity football tournament, comedy acts and a fun-fair.

A Hop Farm organiser said: "This festival offers an experience of boutique camping, top-notch

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"It is an event for festival-goers, returning live music to its roots."

Friday tickets are £45. Entry on Saturday costs £65 and a two-day ticket is £110. A two-night camping ticket is £25. Details at [www.hopfarmfestival.com](http://www.hopfarmfestival.com).

**LINE-UP:** Van Morrison, Blondie, Los Lobos, Imelda May, Bob Dylan, Ray Davies, Mumford & Sons, Seasick Steve, Pete Doherty, Devendra Banhart, Pete Molinari



**ATMOSPHERE:** Enjoy a meal in Saint-Leu in Amiens before sampling the area's nightlife. Below, the gothic cathedral is a UNESCO heritage site.

## yourgetaways

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■ BY ED HILL

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One of the biggest attractions for visitors is the Parc du Marquenterre. This nature reserve, which was once a tulip farm created on land recovered from the sea, offers birdwatchers the chance to get close to a wealth of migrating birds.

Familiar species such as herons and oystercatchers can be seen, but there is also the chance to see white storks on their huge nests that look like the end of a chimney sweep's brush, not seen in the UK.

On your way to the region's capital Amiens, why not stop off at the town

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#### Getting there

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#### Highlights

Parc du Marquenterre Nature reserve guided visit. [www.parcdumarquenterre.com](http://www.parcdumarquenterre.com)

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Baie de Somme: Hôtel-restaurant du Cap Hornu.

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#### Restaurants

Restaurant le Quai on the waterfront of Saint Leu and La Basilique in Albert.



of Albert, which was totally rebuilt after 1918? An excellent lunch can be had at the Basilique restaurant in the town square opposite the church, with its famous golden statue of an angel and baby Jesus on the top of its tower.

The region's capital Amiens, just 30 kilometres away, makes an ideal destination for a short break.

Wander the ancient streets around the cathedral. The mighty gothic structure is a UNESCO world heritage site, with a remarkable façade full of intricate carvings of saints, kings and folklore.

An evening meal in the waterside district of Saint-Leu offers the chance to soak up the atmosphere of French dining.

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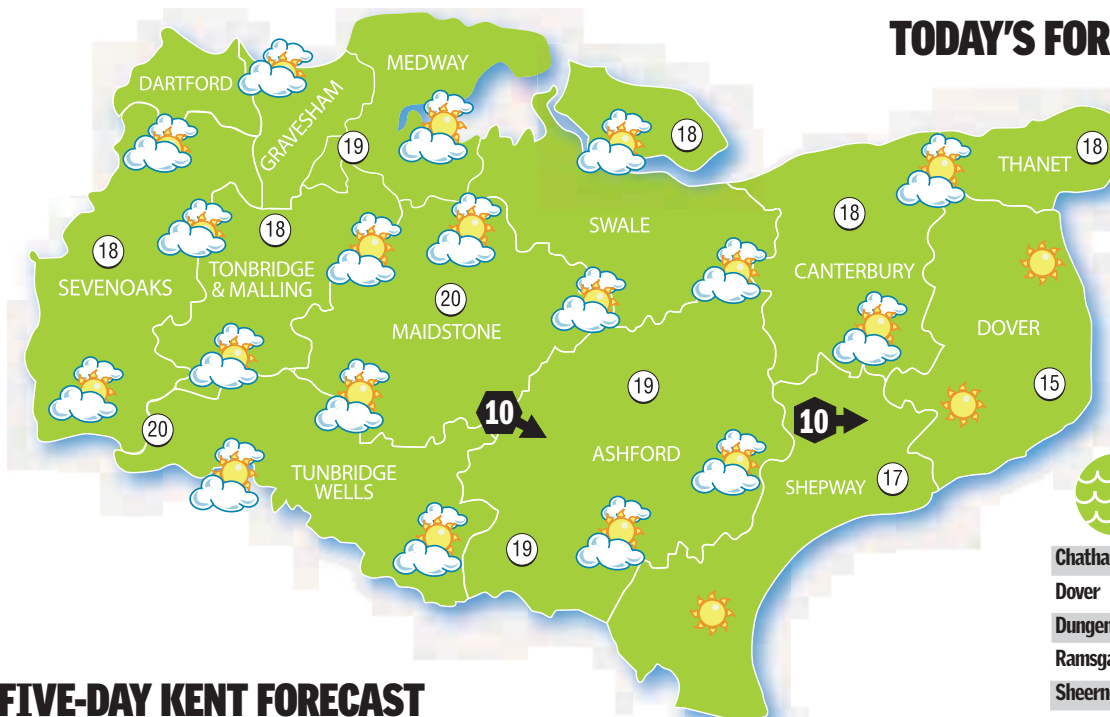


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<b>Bombay</b>	33°C	<b>Sydney</b>	16°C
<b>Cape Town</b>	23°C	<b>Tenerife</b>	23°C
<b>Cardiff</b>	14°C	<b>Tokyo</b>	24°C
<b>Gibraltar</b>	19°C	<b>Vancouver</b>	16°C
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<b>Las Palmas</b>	22°C	<b>Wellington</b>	16°C

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<b>Chatham</b>	Saturday	8:08am 5.4m	Sunday	9:20am 5.5m
<b>Dover</b>	Saturday	6:43am 5.7m	Sunday	7:52am 5.8m
<b>Dungeness</b>	Saturday	6:10am 6.3m	Sunday	7:31am 6.3m
<b>Ramsgate</b>	Saturday	7:13am 4.3m	Sunday	8:22am 4.4m
<b>Sheerness</b>	Saturday	7:56am 5.2m	Sunday	9:08am 5.3m
<b>Whitstable</b>	Saturday	8:05am 4.8m	Sunday	9:14am 4.8m

## FIVE-DAY KENT FORECAST

	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon											Whitstable					Saturday	8:05am 4.8m					Sunday	9:14am 4.8m				
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Chatham	15°C	18°C	19°C	18°C	18°C	Folkstone	15°C	16°C	18°C	17°C	17°C	Ramsgate	15°C	18°C	19°C	18°C	18°C	Tonbridge	17°C	20°C	21°C	22°C	22°C		MOONRISE	10.18am	MOONSET	1.00am				
Dartford	19°C	21°C	21°C	22°C	21°C	Gillingham	15°C	18°C	19°C	18°C	18°C	Rochester	15°C	18°C	19°C	18°C	18°C	Tun Wells	17°C	20°C	21°C	22°C	22°C									



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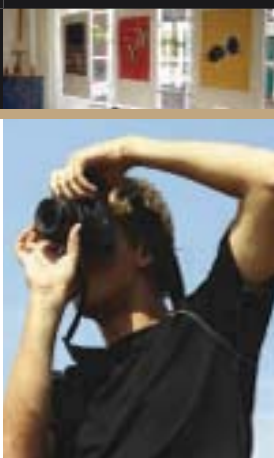
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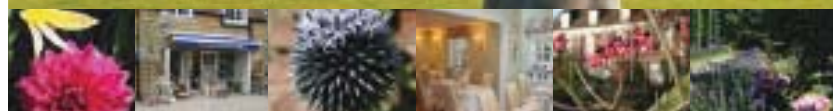


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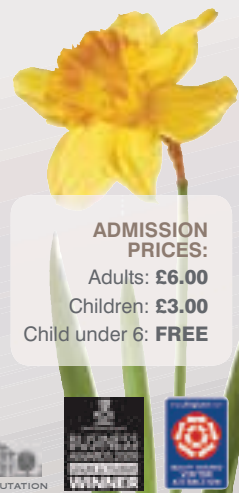
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# Russell Crowe doesn't quite hit the bullseye in Scott's Robin Hood

■ BY DAMON SMITH

EVERY generation has its own version of Robin Hood.

Douglas Fairbanks donned the tights with pride in the early 1920s, followed by a dashing Errol Flynn with a feather in his cap in the 1930s and Richard Greene in the long-running 1950s TV series.

Disney cast a wily fox as Robin in the splendid 1973 animated version before Michael Praed and then Jason Connery portrayed "the hooded man" in the popular ITV series Robin Of Sherwood.

Kevin Costner flexed his bow to Bryan Adams' (Everything I Do) I Do It For You and most recently Jonas Armstrong sexed up the Saturday night schedule on BBC One as the eponymous crusader.

With each new incarnation, the mythology has been embellished and any historical veracity sacrificed at the altar of artistic license.

Director Ridley Scott and leading man Russell Crowe – who worked together on the Oscar-winning *Gladiator* – reunite for a thunderous new opening chapter in the legend of the 12th century folk hero.

Shot with Scott's typical bombast, this Robin Hood juxtaposes spectacular battle scenes with romantic interludes, political intrigue and melancholic flashbacks, all set to Marc Treitenfeld's rumbustious score.

It's unabashedly macho and predictable with an inevitable battle cry for Crowe to rally the troops into action: *Gladiarcher*, if you will.

Richard The Lionheart is slain on the battlefield by the besieged French.

Fearless archer Robin Longstride (Crowe) and his friends Little John, Will Scarlet and Allan A'Dayle head back to England.

In order to secure safe passage back home, Robin poses as slain knight Sir Robert Loxley and continues the ruse with the dead man's wife, Marion (Kate Blanchett), in order that she clings onto the family estate once ruled by the now blind and decrepit Sir Loxley.



**GLADIARCHER:** The latest Robin Hood starring Russell Crowe (above) as Robin, is unabashedly macho and predictable

Over time, Robin falls in love with Marion but any chances of an enduring romance are threatened by double-crossing Godfrey (Mark Strong).

Meanwhile in London, Prince John seizes the throne but quickly makes enemies of advisor William Marshal and his mother, Eleanor of Aquitaine.

Robin Hood is a lively jaunt through Plantagenet history, incorporating the famil-

iar figures of Friar Tuck and the Sheriff of Nottingham.

Crowe's accent roams the British Isles depending on who he is acting opposite, which is distracting, but Blanchett is luminous with an unshakable Nottingham burr, which adds warmth to some choice lines of dialogue.

"I sleep with a dagger," Marion warns Robin when they first meet. "If you so much as move to touch me, I will sever your manhood!"

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Strong doesn't overplay his villain, hissing all of the usual orders to kill Robin, with flecks of humour courtesy of the soon-to-be Merry Men.

Screenwriter Brian Helgeland ends with Robin and co exiled in the forest, accompanied by the title card, "And so the legend begins".

If Scott's film hits the bullseye at the box office, you can be sure that Robin and Marion will ride again in a sequel.

**ROBIN HOOD**   
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**ALL AT SEA:** BBC4 have documented actor Timothy Spall's barge trip around the UK



**YOUR TV REVIEW** **TIMOTHY SPALL – SOMEWHERE AT SEA:** BBC4, 10.30pm, Wednesday

YOU may have noticed BBC4 is currently in the middle of its *Sea Fever* season.

These themed nights give the corporation a chance to repeat a load of programmes under the banner of one all encompassing title.

But really it's just a cheap way to fill up the digital channel's airtime.

*Sea Fever* is no exception, but to make the viewer feel like they are not being totally ripped off, one or two new programmes are commissioned to hang the whole schedule on.

One of these is the actor Timothy Spall's trip around the British coast in a barge.

Timothy Spall: *Somewhere at Sea* is entertaining, but I am not sure if it's for the right reasons.

To say that Mr Spall is a nervous sea goer is putting it mildly. I have never seen someone so willingly

■ BY ED HILL

put them themselves in front of a camera to show how out of their depth they are (excuse the pun).

Timothy tells us he first began his boating life on the canals of Britain.

Then after a cancer scare he decided, with his wife Shane, to have a Dutch barge built so they could motor their way from port to port around the country.

I can't believe that the amount of stress he suffers in making the shortest sea-going trip is going to help the Leukaemia stay in remission.

In last week's episode Timothy and Shane had to make their way around Land's End to Newlyn, but first the actor, best-known for his breakthrough role in *Auf Wiedersehen Pet*, had to navigate

his way past the infamous Lizard Point. The Lizard is a long four-mile rocky outcrop that stretches under the sea. In bad weather it has caught out many seafarers.

Our hapless thespian skipper waited three months for the weather to be calm enough to take on the challenge. Even then, when the sea showed all the viciousness of one of those water features you see trickling away at a garden centre, he thought he might have to turn back. His anxiety levels rose as the Beaufort wind scale dropped to zero.

Despite this giving the viewer the feeling the best option is to jump overboard and swim for the shore, Timothy Spall's honesty about his lack of expertise is engaging.

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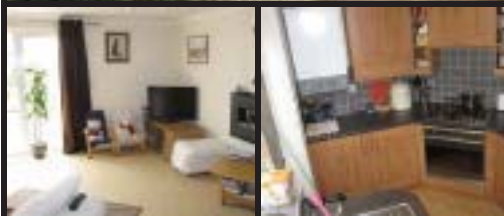
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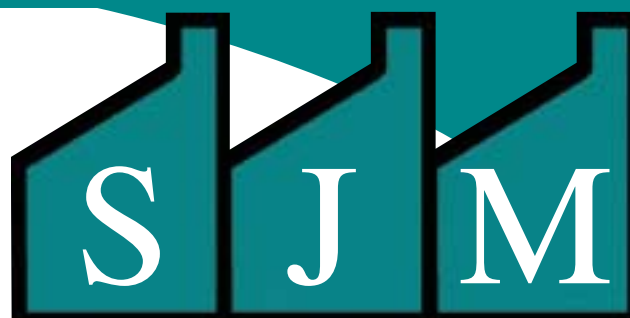
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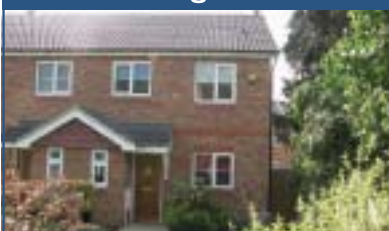
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## Kent League Division One

Sibton Park 1st XI v Ashford Town 1st XI

AN UNBEATEN knock of 74 from opener Andy Allon helped Sibton Park to a comfortable five-wicket victory against Canterbury on Saturday.

The hosts' challenge was undone by a poor display with the bat, setting just 151 for victory. Park finished the job with more than four overs to spare as they won their second successive game at the start of the season.

Canterbury won the toss and opted to bat, but they began with a stutter as openers Neil Kimberley and Stuart Drakeley could only score five runs between them. Paul Steer helped steady their innings and went on to complete a half century, boosting hopes of a decent total.

Ryan Minter (33) and Justin Macvicar (28) scored valuable runs, but after the pair's departure Canterbury's tail offered little resistance as they were all out for 150 with one ball remaining. Steven Rowe finished the job to end up with excellent figures of 4 for 22 to put the visitors in the driving seat.

Ben Clarke ensured Sibton's reply got off to a bad start, dismissing George Leadbetter, Tim Bishop and Ben Allon cheaply.

It offered hope the relatively low total could be successfully defended, but Allon then took charge. The opener patiently batted Sibton Park out of trouble, hitting seven fours and a six in his 74 to see the visitors home safely.

# Park put pressure on struggling Canterbury



**FAST START:** Sibton Park, batting, made it two wins out of two so far this season with a smooth win at Canterbury on Saturday

## SCOREBOARD

## Canterbury

	Runs
Neil Kimberley ct Rowe b Smith	3
Stuart Drakeley lbw b Rowe	2
Paul Steer ct Wren b Meers	50
Luke Samarasinghe c & b Newman	11
Stuart Sinclair ct Hickmott b Smith	0
Ryan Minter ct Hobbs b Allon	33
Justin Macvicar b Allon	28
Ben Clarke b Rowe	0
Josh Staunton b Rowe	4
Tim Wren not out	6
Ben Cooper b Rowe	0
Extras (4b 1lb 6w 2nb)	13
<b>Total</b> (all out, 49.5 overs)	<b>150</b>

## Bowlers

	0	M	R	W
Steven Rowe	13.5	5	22	4
Tim Smith	12	2	33	2
Sam Newman	7	1	34	1
Gareth Meers	7	1	27	1
Andy Allon	10	2	29	2

## Sibton Park

	Runs
George Leadbetter ct Wren b Clarke	1
Andy Allon not out	74
Tim Bishop ct Staunton b Clarke	0
Ben Allon ct Sinclair b Clarke	6
Steve Hobbs run out (sub)	11
Martin Wren ct Macvicar b Cooper	14
Steve Hickmott not out	29
Steven Rowe did not bat	
Sam Newman did not bat	
Tim Smith did not bat	
Gareth Meers did not bat	
Extras (1b 16w 2nb)	19
<b>Total</b> (5 wickets, 45.2 overs)	<b>154</b>

## Bowlers

	0	M	R	W
Ryan Minter	4	0	23	0
Ben Clarke	7.2	1	29	3
Luke Samarasinghe	6	1	24	0
Stuart Drakeley	2	0	14	0
Tim Wren	15	6	26	0
Ben Cooper	11	3	37	1

## LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP

## KENT LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Beckenham 1st XI v Folkestone 1st XI

A CENTURY from Niall O'Brien steered Folkestone to a straightforward eight wicket victory against Beckenham.

Michael James was the pick of the visitors' bowling attack, taking 3 for 36 as Beckenham were all out in the final over for 191.

It looked a competitive total, but O'Brien had other ideas as he tore into the hosts' bowlers. The opener smashed five sixes in his 107, which came from just 87 balls, to set up a crushing win. Essex all-rounder Ryan ten Doeschate helped finish the job in only the 29th over.

## Beckenham 1st XI

	Runs
Chris Isles	ct ten Doeschate b Matcham
Jason Billimoria	ct Bryen b James
Johan Malcolm	ct Graham b Turnbull
James Evans	ct Waingankar b Waingankar
Offie Waite	b Waingankar
Simon Evans	run out
Duncan Spencer	b ten Doeschate
Ankit Patel	ct Graham b James
Ross Willet	not out
Ashley Forde	b ten Doeschate
Muditi Dayal	ct Dawes b James
Extras	(5b 2lb 7w)
<b>Total</b>	(all out, 49.2 overs)

## Bowlers

	0	M	R	W
Michael James	11.2	2	36	3
Himanshu Waingankar	15	3	47	2
Dan Matcham	6	1	24	1
Joshua Bryen	1	0	9	0
Ryan ten Doeschate	13	1	52	2
Peter Turnbull	3	0	16	1

## Folkestone 1st XI

	Runs
David Miles	b Patel
Niall O'Brien	ct Malcolm b Dayal
Himanshu Waingankar	not out
Ryan ten Doeschate	not out
Daniel Clark	did not bat
Joshua Bryen	did not bat
Stuart Graham	did not bat
Michael James	did not bat
Dan Matcham	did not bat
Jamie Dawes	did not bat
Peter Turnbull	did not bat
Extras	(6b 1lb 1w 3nb)
<b>Total</b>	(2 wickets, 28.5 overs)

## Bowlers

	0	M	R	W
Ross Willet	5	0	33	0
Ashley Forde	5	1	36	0
Johan Malcolm	9.5	0	41	0
Jason Billimoria	3	0	22	0
Ankit Patel	3	0	31	1
Muditi Dayal	3	0	22	1

## KENT LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Ashford Town 1st XI v Sandwich Town 1st XI

SANDWICH Town left Ashford with nothing more than a losing draw after an exciting climax to their meeting on Saturday.

Skipper Matthew van Poppel took 5 for 48, but strong displays at the top of the order saw Ashford post 220 for 9 from their 50 overs.

Stuart Smith (77) and Vishaul Singh (44) helped put the visitors in a good position, but two run outs swung the balance towards the hosts. Any result was still possible in the final over, but Sandwich eventually finished six runs short of victory.

## Ashford Town 1st XI

	Runs
Simon Taylor	ct Lawrence b Bradley
Liam Tegg	ct Lawrence b van Poppel
Luke Reeves	run out Bradley
Gary Sutton	lbw b van Poppel
Kyle McAlister	lbw b van Poppel
Peter Shields	run out Chapman
Sam Kennett	b van Poppel
Craig Buckham	ct Chapman b Bradley
Mohsin Raza	not out
Luca Sardo	b van Poppel
Darren Cooper	not out
Extras	(3b 3lb 2w 2nb)
<b>Total</b>	(9 wickets, 50 overs)

## Bowlers

	0	M	R	W
Craig Spanton	10	0	51	0
Liam Evans	8	1	48	0
Matthew van Poppel	15	4	48	5
Jack Bradley	14	2	57	2
Tom Chapman	3	0	10	0

## Sandwich Town 1st XI

	Runs
Craig Snell	ct Kennett b Taylor
David Scoggins	lbw b Taylor
Stuart Smith	ct Sardo b Raza
Vishaul Singh	ct Cooper b Raza
Gary Burgess	lbw b Raza
Tom Chapman	b Taylor
Gavin Lawrence	run out
Craig Spanton	st McAlister b Tegg
Liam Evans	run out
Matthew van Poppel	not out
Jack Bradley	not out
Extras	(1b 5lb 3w 8nb)
<b>Total</b>	(9 wickets, 50 overs)

## Bowlers

	0	M	R	W
Simon Taylor	14	3	34	3
Mohsin Raza	13	0	65	3
Darren Cooper	6	0	36	0
Liam Tegg	13	2	42	1
Craig Buckham	4	0	32	0

## KENT LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Blackheath 1st XI v Hythe 1st XI

HYTHE'S bowlers had no answer to Blackheath as they were thrashed by eight wickets on Saturday.

Batting first, most of the visitors were able to make good starts but only James Watson (56) converted it into an innings of substance.

A victory target of 163 never looked like being enough and, despite an early breakthrough from Dan Large, the home side dominated proceedings. Sean Parry's 90 ensured Blackheath surpassed the visitors' total with exactly 20 overs to spare, with Jago Pearson the only other Hythe bowler to take a wicket.

## Hythe 1st XI

	Runs
Christopher Maurice	ct Parry b Ahmed
Lochan Blunden	lbw b Brathwaite
Tim Pichowski	ct Alley b Ahmed
James Watson	lbw b Hands
Daniel Patching	b Valkovics
Paul Goddard	b Woods
Jago Pearson	ct Brathwaite b Woods
Andrew Maurice	b Hands
Trevor Squire	ct Valkovics b Woods
Andrew Williams	not out
Dan Large	did not bat
Extras	(3lb 4w 2nb)
<b>Total</b>	(9 wickets, 50 overs)

## Bowlers

	0	M	R	W
Jahid Ahmed	11	1	30	2
Ruel Brathwaite	7	0	27	1
Paul Valkovics	5	2	11	1
James Hands	14	2	43	2
Zobie Sharif	1	0	6	0
Richard Woods	12	2	42	3

## Blackheath 1st XI

	Runs
Zobie Sharif	b Pearson
Jack Ford	ct Watson b Large
Sean Parry	not out
Aaron Alley	not out
Chris Willetts	did not bat
Jahid Ahmed	did not bat
Paul Valkovics	did not bat
Matt Shepherd	did not bat
Ruel Brathwaite	did not bat
James Hands	did not bat
Richard Woods	did not bat
Extras	(2b 5w)
<b>Total</b>	(2 wickets, 30 overs)

## Bowlers

	0	M	R	W
Trevor Squire	3	0	20	0
Dan Large	7	0	25	1
Andrew Maurice	5	1	18	0
Jago Pearson	8	0	52	1
Lochan Blunden	4	0	22	0
James Watson	3	0	24	0

## KENT LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR

Betteshanger Colliery Welfare 1st XI v Rodmersham 1st XI

KEVIN Jones hit a half century for Rodmersham but it did little to change the outcome as Betteshanger Colliery romped to victory by six wickets.

Jones (54) and Dave Cogger (26) got the visitors' innings off to a decent start following the early departure of Nick Denly. Brothers Derek and Clive Towe changed the game, bowling economically and taking six wickets between them to bowl out Rodmersham for 139.

Chris Garton hit 56 to get Betteshanger's reply off to a decent start, while Liam Collins steered them home in the 37th over with an unbeaten 20.

## Rodmersham 1st XI

	Runs
Nick Denly	b J Towe
Dave Cogger	ct McNicholas b C Towe
Kevin Jones	run out (Jo Towe)
Sandeep Rodrigo	lbw b D Towe
Liam Foster	b D Towe
Michael Jones	b C Towe
James Beech	ct Collins b J Towe
Matthew Godden	ct J Towe b D Towe
Darren Nokes	ct Friend b D Towe
Nazoomi Azhar	st J Towe b Ja Towe
Naj Hashimi	not out
Extras	(6b 4lb 6w)
<b>Total</b>	(all out, 43 overs)

## Bowlers

	0	M	R	W
Jamie Towe	7	1	33	3
Michael McNicholas	5	0	32	0
Derek Towe	15	5	29	4
Clive Towe	15	2	30	2
Liam Collins	1	0	5	0

## Betteshanger Colliery Welfare 1st XI

	Runs
Clive Towe	ct Foster b Nokes
Chris Garton	b Azhar
Jamie Towe	ct Denly b Azhar
Joffy Towe	ct Foster b Godden
Liam Collins	not out
Derek Towe	not out
Michael McNicholas	did not bat
Gareth Friend	did not bat
Darren Fletcher	did not bat
Martin Jones	did not bat
Steve McNicholas	did not bat
Extras	(4b 8lb 11w)
<b>Total</b>	(4 wickets, 36.3 overs)

## Bowlers

	0	M	R	W
Sandeep Rodrigo	6	2	19	0
Darren Nokes	6	1	20	1
Nazoomi Azhar	13.3	3	38	2
Kevin Jones	3	0	16	0
Naj Hashimi	1	0	9	0
Matthew Godden	7	0	29	1



# Dover want compensation deal before Hess Gills talks

## FOOTBALL

BY TOM HOWARD

DOVER Athletic chairman Jim Parmenter admitted losing manager Andy Hessenthaler to Gillingham would be a "massive loss" but warned he expects a compensation deal before talks take place.

Hessenthaler has become one of the favourites to land the vacant Gillingham manager's job, but is under contract at the Blue Square South club until next year.

Parmenter, who hired Hessenthaler in May 2007, was contacted on Monday by Gillingham chairman Paul Scally, who requested to speak to the Whites boss regarding the manager's post.

The Whites chief is used to speculation, with Hessenthaler linked to jobs at Watford and Barnet in the past, although on both those occasions no formal approach was made.

Parmenter acknowledged the Gills had a special attraction for Hessenthaler, but was clear an agree-

ment on compensation would be needed before he granted Scally permission to make contact.

He said: "It would be a massive loss for us if he were to leave and has come at an important time of the season as we are trying to sell sponsorship and get ready for the new season. We have told Paul that he is under contract at Dover Athletic Football Club and if he were to go we would require fair and equitable compensation."

"This is different from other jobs Andy has been linked to since he has been at Dover. He has been associated with Gillingham for ten years or so and we won't stand in his way."

Elsewhere at the club, Hessenthaler confirmed on Friday that Shaun Welford, James Rogers and Jacob Marsh have agreed new deals at Crabble. Welford finished last season as the club's second highest goal scorer, while Rogers made 33 appearances and Marsh made his first team debut after impressing for Dover's academy side.

Hessenthaler said: "The three who have signed are good players and I'm pleased that they have already said they want to stay here for next season. I'm quietly confident that the majority of the rest of my squad will let me know by the middle of this week."



**DILEMMA:** Dover chairman Jim Parmenter is hoping that Andy Hessenthaler, above, will decline a move to his old club Gillingham and stay at Dover Athletic

## RUGBY



**BRACE:** Martyn Beaumont scored twice for Dover

## Sharks duo hit form for the county squad

DOVER players again made a telling contribution as the county rugby side made it two wins out of two in the Bill Beaumont Cup Division Two South on Saturday.

Both Martyn Beaumont and Ricky Mackintosh scored in the 55-15 victory against Hampshire and the pair were again instrumental a week earlier as Somerset were beaten 43-14.

Beaumont laid on a try for Mackintosh before scoring himself as Kent built a 22-0 lead in the first half. The fly-half scored his second try of the game on the hour, profiting from good work by Jack Knight to virtually seal victory. His eventful afternoon was completed with a harsh sin bin decision after he was adjudged to have deliberately knocked on.

Sharks team-mate Ben Murray was introduced as a replacement late on and he was involved in the game's final try.

The Kent squad, which also includes Dover's Buster Collins, play their final pool game against Middlesex at Folkestone's New Burlington Ground on Saturday.

## Porter on lookout for new striker

## FOOTBALL

**HYTE** Town manager Scott Porter is set to follow up Lee Shearer's signing from Faversham by bringing in a striker as the club lay early foundations for what they intend to be a championship season.

Porter, who wasted no time in snapping up Shearer and ex-Dover and Folkestone player Nicky Dent as coach, remains in the market for two more players - one a striker.

He said: "Signing Lee Shearer was a massive coup because, apart from other considerations, he scores a lot of goals for a central defender."

"We've retained the core of last season's side, which is important. Now I've turned my attentions to signing a striker and hopefully I'll have some good news in the next couple of weeks."



**TARGETS:** Hythe boss Scott Porter is looking to add a new striker to the side

"All we need now is a little fine tuning."

Dave Cook, Pat Kingwell and Lee Winfield have all re-signed for Hythe, who are sure to start the new campaign among the Kent League title favourites.

At the start of last season, Porter declared that only promotion would satisfy the club's ambition. Now, he is convinced, more than ever, that the club will have what it takes to mount a title challenge.

He said: "Players came and went last season and we went through a period of rebuilding. The chairman, the board of directors and myself are determined more than ever that we have to get out of the Kent League."

"We know that we have what it takes as a club to move on up."

Hythe expect to announce a list of pre-season friendlies within the next couple of weeks.

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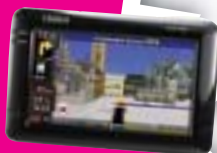
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